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Rodeo Team Finishes Academic Finals, Heads to Wyoming For College National Rodeo Finals June 12-18

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly's Rodeo Team is headed to the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Finals June 12-18 in Casper, Wyo.

"If the results of the rodeo at the University of Nevada Las Vegas are any indication, we will be in true championship form in Wyoming," said Coach Frank Mello. "A lot is on the line. No other intercollegiate rodeo program has produced more individual champions and team championships than Cal Poly."

During the competition May 6-7 at UNLV, three Cal Poly students took first in their competitions, and the Cal Poly team took the West Coast Region lead in Men's and Women's teams, Men's and Women's All-Around, Bareback Riding, Tie Down Roping, Breakaway Roping, and Team Roper Heeling.

Going into next week's competition in Casper, Cal Poly also holds second place in Saddle Bronc Riding, Barrel Racing, and Goat Tying. Among the 10 participating collegiate rodeo programs in the West Coast region, Cal Poly is the only program with a student in the top five in every division.

Representing Cal Poly in Wyoming will be construction management major Ben Londo of Milton Seawater, Ore., (Men's All-Around, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding); agricultural systems management major Clint Cooper of Porterville (Tie Down Roping); agriculture business major Marcey Teixeira of Santa Maria; (Women's All-Around, Team Roping Header, Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping); agriculture business major Josh Mack of Millville (Team Roping Heeler); agricultural business major Charles Martin of Soledad, (Team Roping Heeler); civil engineering major John Wiersma of Hollister (Team Roping Heeler); agricultural business major Jodi Coppini of San Luis Obispo (Breakaway Roping, Goat Tying); animal science major Sadie Myers of Winnemucca, Nev. (Breakaway Roping); and agricultural systems management major Clint Miller of Healdsburg (Tie Down Roping).

Cal Poly has been participating in intercollegiate rodeo since 1939 and the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association since 1949.

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